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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY TO PRIME MINISTER
DIOUF -- KINSHASA AIRLIFT

1. REQUEST EMBASSY DELIVER FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM THE
SECRETARY TO PRIME MINISTER DIOUF AT EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY.

QUOTE: DEAR MR. PRIME MINISTER:

I WISH TO EXPRESS TO YOU MY PERSONAL APPRECIATION FOR YOUR
GOVERNMENT'S PROMPT ACTION IN GRANTING CLEARANCE MARCH 15
FOR A REFUELING STOP AT DAKAR-YOFF AIRPORT FOR A SEABOARD
WORLD AIRWAYS SAM MISSION FLIGHT TO KINSHASA. THIS AIR-
CRAFT WAS CARRYING MEDICAL SUPPLIES AND OTHER CARGO UNDER
A MILITARY AIRLIFT COMMAND CHARTER IN RESPONSE TO AN URGENT
REQUEST FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF ZAIRE IN CONNECTION WITH
RECENT MILITARY ACTIVITY DIRECTED AGAINST THAT NATION.
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2. SHORTLY AFTER YOU WERE KIND ENOUGH TO AGREE TO THE
REFUELING STOP, WE LEARNED THAT THERE WAS INSUFFICIENT FUEL
ON THE GROUND IN KINSHASA TO PERMIT REFUELING THERE, AND
ACCORDINGLY IT WAS NECESSARY TO SEEK AN ALTERNATE ROUTE FOR
THE FLIGHT.

3. WE HAD SOUGHT YOUR PERMISSION FOR THE DAKAR STOP

BECAUSE AT THE TIME OUR OTHER ALTERNATIVES HAD APPARENTLY BEEN EXHAUSTED, AND WE TURNED TO YOU AT THE LAST MOMENT IN AN EFFORT TO GET THESE MUCH NEEDED EMERGENCY SUPPLIES TO THE GOVERNMENT OF ZAIRE.

4. YOUR ACTION IN APPROVING OUR REQUEST FOR THE REFUELING STOP IN DAKAR, EVEN THOUGH IMMEDIATELY SUBSEQUENT DEVELOPMENTS REQUIRED THE ALTERNATE ROUTE, WAS NOT ONLY AN INDICATION OF THE EXCELLENT RELATIONS WHICH EXIST BETWEEN OUR TWO NATIONS BUT WAS, AS WELL, A REFLECTION OF SENEGAL'S CONTINUED ROLE AND INTEREST IN OUR COMMON EFFORTS TO SEEK PEACEFUL SOLUTIONS TO THE COMPLICATED AND POTENTIALLY EXPLOSIVE PROBLEMS OF SOUTHERN AFRICA.

5. AGAIN, ACCEPT MY THANKS AND THOSE OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT. SINCERELY, CYRUS VANCE. END QUOTE.
CHRISTOPHER

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